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THE OBSERVATOR.

Reflexions on the ill Treatment of a Church-Warden in London, *for ſetting up the Union-Arms in a Church. The Preſentment of the Grand Jury of* Drogheda, *in* Ireland, *againſt Meetings there, and Reflexions upon it.*

From **Wednesday**, November 10. to **Saturday**, November 13. 1708.

Country-m. MAſter, as I paſs'd by a certain Church in *Lombard-Street*, juſt before Morning-Prayers begun, my Curioſity led me in to take a View of it, and really it was ſo wonderous fine and beautiful in every Part, to what our Country Churches are, that I was immediately ſtruck with a ſort of Extaſy and Veneration in beholding it; and after a little While, moving ſoftly up to the Communion-Table, and there gazing about, and lifting my Eyes upward towards the Glory, Bleſs me, quo' I, what a Heavenly Place is here! It was all adorn'd, Maſter, with Cherubs and Angels, and other fine Things, and enrich'd with Gold in abundance. But one Thing, I muſt needs ſay, pleas'd poor *Roger* beyond all the reſt; and that was, to ſee the Queen's Majeſty's Coat of Arms, I mean the Union-Arms, ſet up in the great Window, aloft, and moſt exquiſitly perform'd (as Artiſts ſay) in painted Glaſs, all in its proper Colours. And underneath the Arms, in a fine flouriſhing Thing, there was an Inſcription, that pleas'd the very Cockles of my Heart.

Obſ. What was it, *Roger*?

Country-m. To the beſt of my Remembrance, Maſter, 'twas thus, *viz. Set up at the Charge of the united Pariſhes, in that memorable Year of Union*, 1707. J. M. A. R. B. B. S. B. *Church-Wardens.* Merry be their Hearts, quo' I to my ſelf; thoſe Church-Wardens were honeſt loyal Boys, I'll warrant, as well as good Church-men, thus to perpetuate the Memory of our good Queen in the Church, who ſo ſeaſonably and piouſly wrought out the glorious Union of the two Kingdoms. I ſay, God bleſs thoſe honeſt Church-Wardens, and all the honeſt Pariſhioners that contributed to that Work, and that love Queen *Anne* and the Union.

Obſ. But hold, honeſt *Roger*; would you think now, that there are ſome in that Pariſh, who bear an irreconcilable Hatred to thoſe Church-Wardens, for the very Thing you ſo much applaud, and eſpecially to the Perſon who had the particular Ordering of that Inſcription? They have made him the very Mark and Butt of all their Malice ever ſince, altho' he has diſcharg'd himſelf with the greateſt Reputation, and done more to ſerve that Pariſh, perhaps, than any one in that Office had done theſe forty Years. But you may gueſs, *Roger*, what Sort of People theſe are, that ſtill grin, and ſhew their Teeth at the Union; nay, they have lately vow'd they will have it down, coſt what it will; they'll raſe out the Inſcription, and will never ſuffer the Names of thoſe Church-Wardens to abide there.

Country-m. I am ſorry, Maſter, that there are ſuch Men ſtill: But I hope Moderation will prevail at laſt.

Obſ. I hope ſo too, *Roger*; for the Conduct of ſuch Men, will ſoon make them odious. Give 'em Length, and they'll do their own Buſineſs.

Country-m. Here's a Letter, Maſter, with the Preſentment of the Grand Jury for the Town and County of *Drogheda*, againſt having any Meetings there. The Gentleman who ſends it, deſires the Preſentment may be printed, to ſet that Matter in a clear Light; for he ſays 'twas only the Action of the Government of the Town, and not by Advice or Direction from any Arch-biſhop.

Obſ. Since the Gentleman neither ſigns his Name, nor gives any Account where he may be ſpoke with, *Roger*, we muſt ſuſpend our Belief as to no Arch-biſhop's being concern'd in it, 'till farther Information; for you told me, you had the Contrary from good Hands, tho' you had not all the Circumſtances; and I don't in the leaſt doubt, but the Gentleman has heard of an Arch-biſhop there, who publiſh'd a Book, wherein he broach'd the high-flying uncharitable Principles of excluding all thoſe from the Catholick Church, that have not Biſhops in his Senſe; and that he printed another, wherein he falſely charges the Presbyterians in *Ireland* with many Things relating to their Principles, Worſhip, and Practice, tho' he had a very eaſy Way to have inform'd himſelf better, when he liv'd in *Londonderry*, for which Mr. *Boyſe* has treated him according to his Merit. Therefore I ſee no Reaſon to doubt, but Men of ſuch Principles might find a Way to influence the Grand Jury, and the Magiſtrates of the Town, to do what they have done, and yet this Gentleman might not know it. However, to pleaſe him, let the Preſentment be printed.

Com. Vill. Drogheda. } At a General Seſſion of the Peace held in, and for the County of the Town of *Drogheda*, at the *Tholſel* of the ſaid Town, on Thurſday the 7th Day of *October*, 1708.

Nomina Jurator Magnæ Inquiſitionis.

John Friend, Merchant,
Richard Saunders, Merch.
Henry Smith, Merchant,
Jarat Rencher, Merchant,
Tho. Bodington, Clothier,
Adam Sweetlove, Merch.
Michael Smith, Merchant,
Peter Gaymar, Merchant,
Richard Lucas, Merchant,
John Barron, Chandler,
John Sankill, Brewer,
Tho. Clarke, Chyrurgeon,
Edm. Creddon, Cordwayn.
Hugh Duglas, Feltmaker,
John Souch, Cordwayner.

'WHereas the Proteſtant Inhabitants of the 'ancient and loyal Town and Corporation 'of *Drogheda*, have liv'd in Peace and Unity a-'mong themſelves, and in an unanimous Confor-'mity to the Church of *Ireland*, as by Law eſta-'bliſh'd, without the leaſt Appearance of Diſſen-'ters, and have ſo continu'd ever ſince the late 'happy Revolution and Reduction of this King-'dom, accompliſh'd by the unparallel'd Courage 'and Conduct of his late Majeſty King *William* of 'glorious Memory: And whereas the ſaid Town 'of *Drogheda* hath been conſtantly ſupply'd with a 'very able and Orthodox Miniſtry, having at pre-'ſent a very Learned and Reverend Miniſter, and 'two Aſſiſtants, Curates, who have hitherto pre-'ſerv'd the Proteſtant Inhabitants of the ſaid Town 'of *Drogheda*, in the ſame Unity and Conformity 'to the ſaid eſtabliſh'd Church, by their Reſidence, 'and faithful Diſcharge of their Duty, in preach-'ing twice every *Sunday*, in reading publick Pray-'ers every Morning and Evening daily, in ad-'miniſtering the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Sup-'per monthly, in Catechiſing Children, and duly 'performing all other Religious Offices. And 'whereas the *Northern* Presbyteries of *Ireland*, not

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'content with the gracious Indulgence and Bounty 'of our moſt Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen *Anne*, 'extended to them, have, within this Month paſt, 'ſent out Miſſionaries to frame and ſet up a Con-'venticle in this Town of *Drogheda* aforeſaid, to 'diſturb the Peace and Quiet of the Proteſtant 'Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, where there 'hath been no ſuch Meeting near theſe twenty 'eight Years paſt; and to that End, do bring 'Strangers out of the *North* of *Ireland*, and from 'other Parts of the Country, many Miles diſtant 'from this Town, to countenance the Setting up 'of the ſaid Conventicle in this Town of *Drogheda*, 'and to make Proſelytes, and ſeduce the poor ig-'norant Sort of People from their Adherence to the 'eſtabliſh'd Church of *Ireland*, and Conformity to 'her Majeſty's Laws.

'We the Grand Jury of this County of the 'Town of *Drogheda* aforeſaid, duly impanell'd 'and ſworn, having taken into our Conſideration 'the Proceedings of the ſaid *Northern* Presbyteries, 'and their Miſſionaries in the Town of *Drogheda* 'aforeſaid; do preſent and declare, That there is 'no Occaſion for any ſuch ſeperate Meetings in 'this Town of *Drogheda* aforeſaid, there not being 'any of their Perſwaſion in this Town, but ſuch 'as the ſaid Miſſionaries bring to meet with them 'from other Places, or ſome few inconſiderable 'Proſelytes they have lately made, and thoſe for 'the moſt part very ſcandalous; and that permit-'ting ſuch a Meeting in the Town, will only tend 'to create Faction, Schiſm, and Diviſion, among 'the Proteſtant Inhabitants of the ſaid Town.

'Therefore we do preſent and deſire, That the 'Right Worſhipful the Mayor of *Drogheda* afore-'ſaid, and other the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town, 'will diſcourage and diſcountenance ſuch Meet-'ings or Conventicles, by putting the Laws in 'Execution.

'*John Friend, cum Sociis.*

'It's therefore order'd by the Court, that the 'ſame be obſerv'd accordingly.

Country-m. I want your Remarks upon it, Maſter.

Obſ. I take it to be all over High-Church, *Roger*, and a direct hanging out of the bloody Flag againſt all the Presbyteries in the *North* of *Ireland*, as if they had form'd a Deſign to diſturb the Peace of the Proteſtants at *Drogheda*; and that they are a diſcontented mutinous Pack, that can't be ſatisfy'd with her Majeſty's Bounty and Indulgence, *&c.* but ſend their Miſſionaries ſo and ſo. Now, let any indifferent Perſon judge, whether this ſort of Treatment of ſo conſiderable a Body of Proteſtants as the Presbyterians in *Ulſter*, be prudent or grateful, conſidering how much they contributed to the Deliverance of *Ireland*? Or, what Occaſion had the Magiſtrates or Grand Jury of *Drogheda*, to reflect thus upon the whole Body? Was it not enough, to take particular Perſons to Task for doing what they think contrary to Law, without endeavouring to render the whole Body odious? But that would not have anſwer'd the high-flying Deſign. Then, as to their Arguments againſt a Meeting there, who does not ſee, that they may be us'd againſt having any at all in the Kingdom? What Pariſh-Miniſter will not ſay, that he is orthodox, diligent, and every thing elſe that's good, and that there's no Need of a Meeting in his Pariſh? And how few of em will ſcruple to ſay, that the Diſſenters in their Bounds, are ſcandalous and inconſiderable? In a Word, *Roger*, 'tis my Opinion, that the Grand Jury of *Drogheda* have been a great deal too forward; and that any Man may eaſily perceive the Hand of *Joab* is in the Buſineſs. But more of this another Time.

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